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TRANSCRIPT OF BROADCAST

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Tonight, ladies and gentlemen, I have for you what I consider a very important witness in the Radio Free Europe story. All through this thing the Free Europe sponsors have been begging the most important question involved. They say that it is all a noble enterprise because it is sending the message of truth and freedom to the captive people behind the iron curtain. Granted this is a very admirable endeavor, the question is whether that is actually what they are doing. A lot of important people have been taken to Munich every year on plush junkets to see the machinery in operation and to get a stop-off in Paris on the way back, and they say what a wonderful thing it is. The catch is that none of them really knows, because none of them has ever been able to find out what these broadcasts are really saying, what line the broadcast is taking. They are all in foreign languages, they could be saying anything, and not even the American officials would know, because they can't understand the language either.

Tonight I have with me Mr. George Broddi, a native of Czechoslovakia, who lives in Munich. He's administrative assistant to Dr. Walter Becker who in turn is one of the leading members of the Bavarian Parliament, both of whom are in this country as visitors. He is in a position, of course, to tell us first hand what the truth is and what these broadcasts really do say, having been there and having listened to them.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Broddi, you have seen the stacks of photostats which I have been presenting to my listeners as evidence of what is really going on in Radio Free Europe and what is being said in their broadcasts. Are you able to tell us whether or not these photostats that I have are authentic or do you have any way of knowing?

Mr. Broddi: Oh yes, I have seen thousands of Radio Free Europe documents, and these that you have are absolutely authentic. You see, Mr. Lewis, the great majority of people working for Radio Free Europe in Munich are entirely out of sympathy with what they are doing. Most of them, if they were able to earn the same living in some other way would not be working there at all. In other words there is an entire Communist underground in the operation.

Mr. Lewis: And the employees then have access to the files?

Mr. Broddi: They have constant access to the files, and they can very easily remove documents with a consular importance, or reach or show how the broadcast is depicting Communism. They bring them out and show their friends or they will bring them out for anybody they think can be helpful in exposing what is going on. They have no sense of loyalty to the organization; they are merely earning a living.

Mr. Lewis: Now Mr. Broddi, you have heard many Radio Free broadcasts, Free Europe broadcasts, I assume.

Mr. Broddi: I have made it my business since early 1952 to monitor the broadcasts either by listening to them or recording them or by reading the scripts.

Mr. Lewis: The Crusade for Freedom advertises these broadcasts as being a great fight against Communism, and the message of truth and freedom to the people behind the iron curtain. What is your opinion of them?

Mr. Broddi: Oh, they sometimes use the word freedom, but they never use it in the sense of giving back to the people the freedom that the people once knew. They never use it in the sense of freedom as the rest of the world knows freedom. This is just an empty word with them. They talk of freedom in terms that amount to a return to the national governments which were led by Communists. At this time, they also talked about freedom, but people knew very well there was no freedom.

Mr. Lewis: Do the broadcasts denounce Communism as we are led to believe?

Mr. Broddi: They denounce Communist pressure, and they denounce Stalinist Communism, but they praise and promote the development of national Communism. They never recognize the internal danger of Communism to these countries as you recognize it to your country in the United States.

Mr. Lewis: Now could you enlarge on that a little, sir?

Mr. Broddi: Well, yes, in this way they never make any mention of your Congressional investigations into Communism for subversive activities. I have heard the first word about the Alger Hiss case or about how China was lost to the Communists or the Harry Dexter White case or any of the others.

These things are carefully concealed in the same way that the true story of the Communization of these iron curtain countries through the national front governments is. /never mentioned the truth about the American missiles and...the state security police and its agent provocateurs in the east at the present time.<sup>7</sup>

Mr. Lewis: Now, Mr. George Broddi, what is the attitude of the Radio Free Europe Munich broadcasts toward the Gomulka government of Poland?

Mr. Broddi: They picture Gomulka as a great national hero, in whom they can place all their hopes for the future. To prove or to think that they are very friendly to Gomulka lies in the fact that Gomulka's government no longer makes any attempt to jam their broadcasts.

Mr. Lewis: All right sir, what about Tito?

Mr. Broddi: It is the same with Tito. They spend many hours every day in favor of the propaganda about Tito and Titoism. But they constantly succor any criticism of what is wrong in Titoism. You see, Mr. Lewis, much of the evil that is done by the Radio Free Europe propaganda is done by emphasizing the things that are favorable to national Communism and never mentioning the things that are unfavorable to it.

Mr. Lewis: Would you say that the broadcasts, then, are soft toward Communism?

Mr. Broddi: I would say very definitely yes. They think a lie that no real effort for liberation of the people in the East is necessary or even desirable and that everybody simply has faith in evolution of Titoism of Gomulkaism, and will follow into other countries as a natural course of events. They preach the idea that Communism eventually will just fade away or (garbled).

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Broddi, do you think that Communism has faded away in Poland or in Yugoslavia?

Mr. Broddi: You are asking the wrong person, Mr. Lewis. Ask the tens of thousands of Polish and Yugoslav refugees who are constantly escaping from those countries. Or, if you can, ask some of the hundreds of thousands in those countries who are starving under the Communist system.

Mr. Lewis: Radio Free Europe talks about truth dollars and the message of truth being sent behind the iron curtain, that the truth will make you free. Is it the truth, Mr. Broddi?

Mr. Broddi: Yes, in a sense, they tell them this. Most of the broadcasting time is allocated to a never-ending repetition of (garbled). It is a sort of special little game of truce that Radio Free Europe plays for itself. It goes something like this: /The Communists or the American imperialist--Americans are most Imperialists.7 The Communists claim they want peace. The Communists do not want peace. This endless repetition of (garbled). The question is not whether that they are telling the truth but whether they are telling any truth that amounts to anything or accomplishes anything. The fact is that you can impart many lies and make much evil propaganda by telling the truth.

Mr. Lewis: Well, that's so. Just what is the real purpose behind the Radio Free Europe propaganda, Mr. Broddi?

Mr. Broddi: The real purpose, Mr. Lewis, is very simple. Radio Free Europe is being operated by the discredited (garbled) of the old national front governments who collaborated with the Communists and finally sold their countries out to Communism. They fled to the West and (garbled). Their purpose is the same purpose they had before they fled into exile: the Communization of their nations. These people are not the high-minded idealists who are interested in freedom and liberty and justice and restoration of all those things to their home countries. These people are (garbled) and their purpose and hope is to somehow get themselves back into control. They can't impose their own private brand of Communism on their countries. (garbled) This is the reason for their outspoken support of Tito and Gomulka. They want to be Titos and Gomulkas themselves.

Mr. Lewis: And you don't approve of that, sir?

Mr. Broddi: Well, its isn't important, Mr. Lewis, that I approve or not. If the American people want to pay the bill for any such operation, that is their privilege, but if they are paying the bill, it seems to me that they should know what they are paying for and not be asked for support under false pretenses.

Mr. Lewis: Thank you, Mr. George Broddi, for a very fine job. We appreciate your taking the time to tell us the facts about the Free Europe broadcasts.